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FACILITATE ORTHODONTIC ALIGNMENT

OF TEETH

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- Transmitted herewith is:
 - Response and Amendment to Official Office Action dated June 15, 2005 (14 pgs.)
 - Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.)
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STATUS

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EXTENSION OF TERM

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	(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)										
	Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)								
	first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00								
	second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00								
	third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00								
	fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00								
	fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00								
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.											
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	OR										
	(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extensio of time.										

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, and made final, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment: